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SUBJECT:ENERGY: IEA/SLT - CONSERVATION MEETING OF MARCH
28-29.

1. THE IEA/SLT CONSERVATION SUBGROUP MET IN PARIS ON MARCH 28-29 AND CONSIDERED THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS: (A) ROLE OF THE SUBGROUP IN FUTURE COUNTRY REVIEWS; (B) QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE 1977 IEA/SLT REVIEW; (C) INDICATORS AND MEASUREMENTS FOR DETERMINING EQUIVALENCE OF EFFORTS IN CONSERVATION; (D) ENERGY DEMAND FORECASTS; AND (E) FUTURE WORK PROGRAM.

2. ROLE OF THE SUBGROUP IN REVIEW PROCESS: DELEGATES AGREED THAT A SINGLE, INTEGRATED REVIEW OF EACH COUNTRY'S ENERGY PROGRAM IN THE SLT HAD MERIT BUT WERE CONCERNED THAT CONSERVATION PROGRAMS WOULD NOT RECEIVE SUFFICIENT ATTENTION IN ANY SUCH INTEGRATED REVIEW. THE SUBGROUP THEREFORE RECOMMENDED TO THE IEA/SLT THAT CONSERVATION DELEGATES: (A) BE INCLUDED ON EACH TEAM VISITING COUNTRIES FOR IN DEPTH EXAMINATIONS AND BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SLT REVIEW; (B) HELP DEVELOP THE QUESTIONNAIRE, REVIEW REPLIES FOR ACCURACY, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE FINAL SLT REPORT. THE FINAL REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE A CHAPTER ON CONSERVATION AND THAT INTERFUEL SUBSTITUTION QUESTIONS BE PRIMARILY CONSIDERED BY THE CONSERVATION SUBGROUP.

3. QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE 1977 SLT REVIEW: THE SECRETARIAT PREPARED AND TABLED A DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE 1977 SLT REVIEW OF MEMBER COUNTRY ENERGY PROGRAMS. FOLLOWING INITIAL CRITICISM OF THE LENGTH AND SCOPE OF QUESTIONNAIRE, NEED FOR INFORMATION REQUESTED, TECHNICAL INACCURACIES, AND OVERLAP, DELEGATES AGREED TO REVIEW THE CONSERVATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECTION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE IN CAPITALS, SUGGEST CHANGES IN WRITING BY APRIL 22, AND CONSIDER REVISED VERSION FOR APPROVAL AND TRANSMISSION AT THE NEXT MEETING.

4. EQUIVALENCE OF EFFORTS: DELEGATES AGREED THAT MEASURING MEMBER COUNTRIES EQUIVALENCE OF EFFORTS IN CONSERVATION WAS DIFFICULT CONCEPTUALLY AND PRACTICALLY. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, DELEGATES AGREED THAT SUCH MEASUREMENTS SHOULD INCLUDE: ACTUAL ENERGY CONSERVATION PERFORMANCE, ENERGY EFFICIENCIES IN ALL SECTORS OF CONSUMPTION AND GOVERNMENTAL EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY RELATING TO THE ALREADY APPROVED INDICATIVE LIST OF CONSERVATION MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE IEA. THE CHAIRMAN DRAFTED CRITERIA AND INDICATORS IN THESE GENERAL AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION AT THE NEXT MEETING.

5. ENERGY DEMAND FORECASTS: SUBGROUP CONCLUDED ENERGY DEMAND FORECASTING WAS VERY COMPLICATED THOUGH AGREED

THE ART COULD BE ADVANCED BY ADOPTING REALISTIC GDP GROWTH PROJECTIONS BY SECTOR, SPELLING OUT ASSUMPTIONS, SEPARATING CLIMATIC AND RECESSIONARY EFFECTS ON ENERGY GROWTH, AND DEVELOPING ENERGY EFFICIENCIES BY INDUSTRY, MODE OF TRANSPORTATION AND PER CAPITA RESIDENTIAL CONSUMPTION. THE UNITED STATES AND THE SECRETARIAT AGREED TO PROVIDE PAPERS ON THIS SUBJECT FOR THE NEXT MEETING. THE SECRETARIAT ANNOUNCED THAT AN OECD WORK-SHOP ON ENERGY DEMAND ANALYSIS, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM INDUSTRY AND ACADEMIA, WOULD BE HELD SOMETIME BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER.

6. FUTURE WORK PROGRAM: THE SUBGROUP DECIDED ON THE FOLLOWING ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR FUTURE WORK: INDUSTRIAL CONSERVATION; DISTRICT HEATING AND THE COMBINED PRODUCTION OF HEAT AND POWER, BUILDING CODES AND RETROFITTING; UTILITY RATE STRUCTURE, TRANSPORT SECTOR, AND PUBLIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS.

THE INDUSTRIAL CONSERVATION EXPERTS GROUP WILL MEET ON MAY 5-6 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. LIND (SWEDEN). THE MEETING IS NOT RESTRICTED TO GOVERNMENT EXPERTS AND THE FINAL REPORT WILL INCLUDE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS AND HOPEFULLY, BE PUBLISHED.

THE EXPERTS MEETING ON DISTRICT HEATING AND COMBINED PRODUCTION OF HEAT AND ELECTRICITY WAS HELD ON MARCH 24-25. MR GRADIN, SWEDISH CHAIRMAN, GAVE AN ORAL REPORT WHICH CONCLUDED THAT DISTRICT HEATING AND COMBINED PRODUCTION RESULTS IN CONSERVATION OF ENERGY PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND INTERFUEL SUBSTITUTION. A WRITTEN REPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE SUBGROUP AT THE NEXT MEETING.

THE CHAIRMAN URGED ALL DELEGATIONS TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON COSTS AND SAVINGS FROM CONSERVATION PROGRAMS IN THE BUILDING SECTOR AND SUGGESTED A POSSIBLE EXPERTS MEETING IN MAY.

7. OTHER BUSINESS: THE CRD ENERGY CONSERVATION WORKING GROUP REPORTED PROGRESS IN COOPERATIVE RESEARCH TECHNOLOGIES IN ENERGY CASCADING, COMBUSTION, HEAT TRANSFER AND HEAT EXCHANGES AND INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES.

THE NEXT CONSERVATION SUBGROUP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 4.
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